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SUBJECT: INFLUENTIAL MOURIDE LEADER CHEIKH MBACKE DIES

1. INFLUENTIAL SENEGALESE MUSLIM LEADER SERIGNE CHEIKH MBACKE DIED MARCH 12 IN TOUBA, SACRED CITY OF MOURIDE ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD FOUNDED BY MBACKE'S GRANDFATHER, CHEIKH AHMADOU BAMBA. A ONETIME CLAIMANT TO MOURIDE CALIPHATE HIMSELF, CHEIKH MBACKE WAS NEPHEW OF PRESENT KHALIF GENERAL ABDOU LAHAT MBACKE AND SERVED AS MOURIDE SPOKESMAN IN DEALINGS WITH SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. MBACKE HAD LONG ASSOCIATIONS WITH OPPOSITION SENEGALESE POLITICIANS, INCLUDING CHEIKH ANTA DIOP OF UNRECOGNIZED RASSEMBLEMENT NATIONALE DEMOCRATIQUE (RND), WHICH FED WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT POWERFUL MOURIDE BROTHERHOOD WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY RESTIVE POLITICAL ALLY OF SENGHOR GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, MBACKE HAD DENIED RUMORS CIRCULATING LAST YEAR THAT HE WAS RND SUPPORTER AND TOUBA AREA TURNED OUT IMPRESSIVE 92 PERCENT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN FEBRUARY 26 ELECTIONS.

2. IMPORTANCE OF MOURIDES IN GENERAL AND MBACKE IN PARTICULAR WAS EVIDENT IN STATURE OF DELEGATION SENT TO TOUBA TO PAY GOVERNMENT'S RESPECT; CONTINGENT WAS HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER DIOUF AND INCLUDED FIVE CABINET
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MINISTERS.

3. IN CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO U.S. OFFICIALS OVER PAST YEAR, MBACKE HAD EFFUSIVELY PRAISED POLICIES OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND SOUGHT WIDENED AMERICAN BUSINESS CONTACTS. AMBASSADOR TOOK OCCASION OF PREVIOUSLY PLANNED MARCH 16 VISIT TO DIOUBEL REGION TO CONVEY

CONDOLENCES TO MOURIDE LEADERSHIP.

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